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Death rate of Berlin and other cities.

The death rate of Berlin for the week ended September 9 was lower than it has been for 5 weeks, amounting, calculated on the year, to 18.6 per thousand of the population, this being, however, higher than the rate for the corresponding week of last year, which amounted to only 17.7. Of the large towns and cities of Germany one-half showed less favorable health conditions than Berlin, including Königsberg, Breslau, Dresden, Leipzig, Halle, Magdeburg, Bremen, Cologne, Nuremberg, Stuttgart, Rixdorf (with 25.9). On the other hand, the following cities had a lower death rate than Berlin, namely: Hamburg, Munich, Carlsruhe, Frankfort on the Main, Cassel, Brunswick, Charlottenburg (with 16.2), Schöneberg (with 11.5), as well as London, Paris, and Vienna. The number of deaths among children in the first year of life showed again a decrease from the preceding week, while there was an increased mortality among the higher age classes. The infant death rate of Berlin, amounting to 7.2 per year and thousand, was higher than the Hamburg rate but lower than the Munich and Leipzig figures. Diseases of the digestive organs showed a considerable decrease, while acute diseases of the respiratory organs and infectious diseases remained almost stationary. There were registered 206 deaths from cholera (including 185 infants), 102 deaths from phthisis pulmonalis, 55 deaths from cancer, 50 deaths from acute diseases of the respiratory organs, 8 deaths from measles, 6 deaths from scarlet fever, 5 deaths from enteric fever, 3 deaths from diphtheria, and 3 deaths from influenza. Finally, 19 persons died by violence.

GUATEMALA.

Report from Livingston, fruit port.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Peters reports as follows: Week ended September 23, 1905. Present officially estimated population, 3,500; 1 death; prevailing disease, malarial fever; general sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, fair.

Bills of health were issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
Sept. 19 21	Georg Dumois.....	New Orleans via Puerto Cortez.	19
	Belize	Mobile via Belize.	20

Reports from Guatemala City—Yellow fever along line of Northern Railroad.

The following is received from Chargé d'Affaires ad interim Brown, under date of September 2.

Yellow fever, or a disease closely akin to it, has made disastrous progress during the past few months in the lowlands on the Atlantic slope of this country. It is difficult to ascertain with certainty all the facts. There seems to be no doubt, however, that there have been

many deaths in several towns situated at some distance from each other. The situation is particularly deplorable at Zacapa and Gualan, on the Northern Railroad.

Vice and Deputy Consul-General Owen reports, September 5, as follows:

Yellow fever is still an alarming epidemic in the Department of Zacapa, but the disease has not passed an altitude of 800 feet.

The Guatemala Northern Railroad has been compelled to close construction camps nearest to the infected region; mail trains only are operated. Work of construction on this road will without doubt receive a severe check.

Among the foreigners in this district Americans largely predominate. Several deaths from yellow fever have occurred in the American colony of which I have not yet received official notice.

Puerto Barrios is still clean from infection, notwithstanding the fact that passengers disembarking from foreign steamers are held there, not being allowed to pass through the infected zone en route to this capital.

HONDURAS.

Report from Ceiba, fruit port.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Robertson reports as follows: Week ended September 30, 1905. Present officially estimated population, about 4,000; 1 death; prevailing diseases, malarial; general sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

Bills of health were issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
Sept. 25	Rosina	Baltimore	29	0	0	0
28	Hiram	Mobile.....	16	0	0	0

Reports from Puerto Cortez, fruit port—Yellow fever.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Carter reports as follows: Week ended September 22, 1905. Present officially estimated population, 4,000; 1 death; prevailing diseases, yellow fever and malarial fever; general sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, infected.

Yellow fever.—Puerto Cortez, no cases reported; Choloma, 1 case; San Pedro, 2 cases; Rio Blanco, 2 cases, 1 death; Chamelicon, no cases reported.

A bill of health was issued to the following-named vessel:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
Sept. 21	Geo. Dumois a	New Orleans....	19	0	0	0

a Disinfected.